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FROM THE HEAD OF THE ORDER

I have asked Mr. Fritz Kunz to accept the office of International Lecturer for the Order of the Star in the East. His capacity as a lecturer is very well known in many countries, and it will be of great benefit to the movement if he will lecture for the Star.

For many years now, Mr. Kunz has shown his capacities as a lecturer, and has attracted many people by this means; and therefore it is important at this stage of our work that he should go out much more and set forth from the platform that for which the Star stands.

For the last two years, Mr. Kunz has been working enthusiastically and under many difficulties in this country, organizing the movement and building up a successful organization; and for this, every member in America as well as myself must be very grateful. He knows that during these two years of organizing and establishing the work here, he has had many helpers and well-wishers; and I hope that those people who have worked with him in the past will go on helping him in his greater and more difficult work.

If I may be allowed to make the suggestion, I hope Mr. Fritz Kunz, by his lectures, will show to the public that the Star does not stand for one narrow ideal, and that the true purpose of its existence is to bring about a real understanding of the purpose of life

and the establishment of the Kingdom of Happiness. If Mr. Kunz can succeed—and I am sure he will—in bringing about this realization of the work of the Star, he will find that he will be a true helper to the Great Teacher.

Again, if I may be allowed, I should like to thank Mr. Kunz for the manner in which he has used his abilities so unselfishly in the service of the Order without any reward whatever (for there is no reward in this work, except the reward of one's own creation and growth). I should like, as the Head of the Order, to thank him; and I am most grateful for all that he has done so enthusiastically and unselfishly for the establishment of the work in America.

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I have asked my friend, Dr. John Ingelman, whom I have known now for many years, to accept the office of National Representative for the U. S. A. He is very well-known, not only here in America but also in Europe.

It is essential in the work of the Star that nothing should be crystallized; and so it is a good thing that National Representatives should often be changed, as it will help the work and give new vitality to the movement. Each National Representative brings with

him a different point of view and his own particular mode of working and thinking. This will help to keep the Order free from ruts and rigidities, and will be likely to draw people of different types and temperaments.

Dr. Ingelman knows me very well, and is in full sympathy with my point of view. I feel sure that the work of the Star here in America will grow and develop rapidly, and that the Order will be kept free from all narrow prejudices, narrow restrictions, and narrow dogmatizations, as has always been my desire. He has many friends throughout America; and I hope they will support him in every possible way in this work, and give him their full co-operation.

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The principal work that is to be done in America for the next year is not only to attract the outside public, but to widen and enlarge the magazine, *The Server*. It must be understood from the beginning that *The Server* is meant not only for the members, but also for the outside public. For this purpose I have decided to establish an American *Herald of the Star* in this country next year; and to help that, we are going to improve *The Server* immediately and experiment along various lines with this magazine until it can be transformed into *The Herald of the Star* at the beginning of next year.

I have talked this matter over with the National Representative, Dr. Ingelman, and he will form a committee that will help him in bringing about this important change. He will in due course publish the names of all those who will help as members of this advisory board.

The Server is given free to all the members, so that when there is an American *Herald of the Star* next year it will be necessary to increase slightly the annual dues in order that every member may get *The Herald of the Star*; and I hope that all will help in producing a first-class magazine worthy of the Star, and in enlarging its scope.

During the next ten months, various experiments will be tried, so the members should not be surprised at constant changes if there are any.

As we are proposing to have a Camp some time in the spring of next year here at Ojai, I have asked Dr. Ingelman to appoint his own officers for its management.

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Captain Russell Lloyd Jones, the founder of the Philosophers Book Shop in New York, is an untiring and enthusiastic helper. He has had many difficulties in keeping open a bookshop for Theosophical and Star literature; but with much personal sacrifice and great ability, he has carried on a work that has been of immense benefit to many people.

I have known Captain and Mrs. Jones for many years and we are very fortunate indeed to have such enthusiastic and eager helpers. Their work is mainly for the public, and they have succeeded in bringing to them the message of Theosophy and of the Star.

The Philosophers Book Shop is now established at 441 Madison Avenue, and attracts a great many to whom Theosophical teachings are unknown. Captain Jones' success in one of the most difficult cities of the world will be an inspiration to those who are devoted to propaganda for the Star through the medium of Star shops. We hope that in time the successful example set by Captain Jones will be followed by the enthusiastic workers in many cities.

Captain Jones may well feel happy that his pioneer success will be an encouragement to others. The Philosophers Book Shop is well-known in New York among the leading publishers. It is even already an important center of Star activity more effective than many Star Groups and Theosophical Lodges in bringing in the great message.

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If I may be allowed to say so, I greatly admire the perseverance of Captain Jones, for he is truly an asset to the movement. I hope there will be many like him, eager to serve the Great Teacher.

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More and more we must come to realize that in self-preparation lies the most important part of our work, because by such

preparation alone can we become worthy to understand and to follow the Teacher. The Self-Preparation Group, started a few years ago possibly without much forethought, has grown very rapidly and has now reached such proportions that it has 7000 members. I do not think that any of us realize, even now, the important part that it will play in the future: from this Group, the Teacher should be able to draw His best workers and followers.

Since last year, and after very careful thought and work, the Self-Preparation Group has been admirably organized throughout the world, and the principles of its organization have been embodied in the Self-Preparation Group Manual.

From next May we are proposing to embark on a new venture, which is to produce a journal exclusively intended for the members of the Self-Preparation Group. This journal will embody my monthly messages, as well as other articles and items of news likely to be useful and helpful. It will be published by the General Secretary and issued from Ommen, and sent free to all members of the Self-Preparation Group. This new venture is naturally something in the nature of an experiment; but I feel confident that it will supply a need, and that the members will find

it so interesting and inspiring that they will help us by their generous donations to make its continued production possible.

I have appointed Lady Emily Lutyens, and Mr. D. Rajagopal, as joint editors.

Let me again repeat that it will depend upon the earnestness and efficiency of all our members whether the work of the Teacher is made easier or more difficult. We look to Him for our inspiration and guidance; He looks to us for faithful and understanding co-operation; and to this we can only hope to attain by the work of self-preparation.

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I think it is a very fortunate thing that America possesses so many enthusiastic and willing members, who are desiring continually to help the Teacher in His work. I wish that they would infuse some of their ardent enthusiasm into others in this country, so that the work of the Teacher may be made easy and His teachings may be understood. I think that the work of the Star in this country will be immensely helped, if the members will realize that the work of the Star is not limited, but that it lies wherever there is human thought and feeling, and human need.

J. KRISHNAMURTI

FROM THE GENERAL SECRETARY-TREASURER

Krishnaji has suggested that the month of May, 1927, should be dedicated to Self-Denial by members of the Star all over the world. He has himself written an appeal to all the members, indicating how greatly the development of our work depends upon the individual interest of everyone who has pledged himself to the service of the Great Teacher.

No exhortation is necessary from anyone in the movement to inspire Star members to support the great work; for the experiment of last year has shown how real and deep is the whole-hearted devotion of the Order throughout the world. The rich and the poor alike have given much to the work; and without their ready and eager response, neither

Adyar nor Eerde could have become two of the greatest Star Centers.

Our Self-Denial is a joyous one, accompanied by none of the pain and discomfort that generally attend sacrifices. There is nothing that those of us who believe in the Teacher will withhold for ourselves. Since the 28th of December, 1925, and after the wonderful words spoken at Ommen bringing to all the supreme message of Happiness, the Teacher of gods and of men has made Himself visible; and in His presence there is but one desire in our hearts—the desire to follow Him and to serve Him through all days unto Eternity.

Krishnaji has asked me to indicate the requirements for the work at Adyar, at Eerde,

and at Ojai. It is extremely difficult to draw up a "budget" for our Star activities; for truly, our work has no fixed boundaries, no limits beyond which we need not look. When we began our work in Adyar a year ago, and drew up a budget for our utmost needs, we hardly dreamed of the vast developments that were soon to take place in Ommen. When we left Ommen after the triumphant Congress of last year, once again we never dreamed of the magnificent developments that are now taking place in the Ojai Valley. Therefore our budget can only indicate the minimum; for the maximum can neither be gauged nor realized.

Our minimum requirements for the three established Centers—for the traveling expenses of the Head of the Order and of his immediate helper, for the official expenses of the offices of the General Secretary-Treasurer, and for publications and propaganda—amount to £6,000.

This is in no sense, I realize, an exact budget; but my estimate is based upon our experience during the last year.

I regret to say that I cannot as yet give definite details of expenditure of the generous sums received during the last year from members in the various parts of the world;

for, unexpectedly, I was not able to return to Ommen in November as I had originally planned. In the annual audited statement will appear full details, and I hope to get this statement ready for publication in June, soon after my return to Eerde.

Lady Emily Lutyens has written about the work that is being done in the three Centers; and those of us who were at Eerde during the Camp last year will realize the magnificence of the work that is ahead of us. To them, as to all in the Star movement, Krishnaji's appeal will be an inspiration; and their response must be worthy of the cause they serve.

GENERAL ESTIMATED EXPENSES 1927

Traveling Expenses of the		
Head and his helper.....	£1500	\$7200
General Secretary's Central		
Offices, Adyar, Ommen, Ojai....	£1000	\$4800
Eerde and Ojai Centers	£2500	\$12000
Publications and Propaganda..	£1000	\$4800
TOTAL ESTIMATE	£6000	\$28,000

D. RAJAGOPAL,
GENERAL SECRETARY-TREASURER

DR. ARUNDALE'S BULLETIN

I have just received a cable from Ojai stating that Krishnaji wishes the Self-Denial month to be observed this year as it was last year.

This year he asks for £6,000, to be devoted to the maintenance of our three great Star centers—Ojai, Ommen and Adyar.

Last year our Order gave with the utmost joy £4,000—£1,000 more than was asked. The result was more work, more activity. Let us continue the good habit of giving more than we are asked to give. Is £7,000 too much? I think not, if we work ourselves up from now into a glowing incandescence of enthusiasm. May is the month of Self-Denial for most countries, though not, I believe, for all. Whatever the month, let each country see to it that nearly twice as much

in the way of achievement distinguishes 1927 from 1926.

Krishnaji is becoming a world-wide power. He is striving to make of the world a Kingdom of Happiness. You and I must hold nothing back in this glorious service. Henceforth, with the Lord Himself in our midst, there must be nothing of niggardliness in our dedication. We must be wholehearted, placing ourselves, and all we have and are, at His disposal, and surrounding His chosen representative with all our strength and devotion.

£6,000 wanted for 1927. Let us give £7,000, or even more. Where there's the will there's the way; and there is no doubt at all about the will.

Forward!

GEORGE S. ARUNDALE.

A STATEMENT

DR. ANNIE BESANT*

Heretofore there has been in the world so much of sorrow, that very little as to the spiritual life has been taught except in terms that appealed to the sad and sorrowful. It was the necessity of the age that made the ideal of the spiritually-minded the Man of Sorrows. Life was so hard among the masses, oppressed, half-starved, the prey of loathsome diseases, so brutally tyrannical and rough among the nobles of Europe, that the monastery and the nunnery were the refuges of those who saw no prospect of happiness save in a future heaven to be gained by austerity here. The famous classic "*Cur Deus Homo*," "*The Wrath of God to Man*," put a seal on the idea that the wrath of God could only be pacified by the crucifixion of the body, regarded as the enemy of the Spirit. Man was a "child of wrath" to perish eternally if he were not in the Ark of the Church. The Puritan, the Calvinist among Protestants, was as hard and stern as the Roman Catholic in Doctrine, though the latter found many ways out of the gloom. The crucifix was the symbol of the Ideal Man. The loving teaching of the Christ of the Divine Fatherhood, His tender compassion for the sinner, disappeared under the shadow of the teachings given in His Name.

But now a different condition prevails in this part of the western world, a condition of almost universal well-being and popular prosperity. The growth of belief in the inviolability of law, of the infinity of the universe, as laid down by Science, has made the educated and the thoughtful modern man reject the medieval idea of God, while he clings to the perfectibility of humanity, and loves and admires the Christ. Elsewhere in the West men are groping after a message that shall restore to them religion and recreate it in harmony with physical, and with the growing power of man over the forces of Nature. Are God and Nature in opposition, or is Nature a manifes-

tation of God? Are the splendor, the beauty, the joy in the natural world the expression of Divinity who is Bliss and Love, not wrath?

So the world is looking for another message to guide the Nations for centuries to come. If God's Plan of Evolution be the perfecting of all human souls, does it include as a means of that perfecting a path of Happiness as well as a path of sorrow? If so, where is the Teacher, and what is His message? The Teacher is here, and His Message is that the Kingdom of Heaven is the Kingdom of Happiness here on earth, and is, as Christ said, "within you." It needs to be externalized. I have long believed that God is Bliss, and I have listened joyfully to the teaching which emphasizes the idea that the spiritual life is to be found through happiness, through joy, through beauty, and I believe that this doctrine is being rightly taught to this present age of remarkable material prosperity. Else will material pleasures, ever increasing with man's increasing power over Nature, submerge and choke spirituality in man. The World Teacher comes with a message of Happiness for the guidance of the Nations for centuries to come. Only thus can the world be saved.

When the Christ came in Palestine, how did He appear to those around Him? A man, with no outer sign of Divinity. So unimpressive, only one of His apostles called Him the Son of God, and the people murdered Him, and only a poor following of 120 was the apparent result of His three years of teaching. In the early days it was widely believed that "Jesus of Nazareth" was a man on whom the Divine Spirit abode during the years of His ministry. The Coming now is similar.

The Divine Spirit has descended once more on a man, Krishnamurti, one who in his life is literally perfect, as those who know him closely can testify. During the last year, since December 28, 1925, when the Christ spoke through him to some 7000 people in In-

dia, he has been undergoing swift changes, which have made him a man of power, dignity, authority out of the boyish youth he was. Those who knew him here more than a year ago comment on the change from the shy, reserved youth, to a man radiating love and happiness. In Ommen, last year, the Christ spoke through him occasionally, but he was still shy and nervous. On the 28th December last, at a small meeting, again the Lord spoke through him. And on January 11, at a gathering of members of the Order of the Star of some 200 people, throughout his speech, the voice that rang out was the Voice some of us had heard before for brief

sentences, with an authority, dignity and wisdom we had none of us known before for the whole speech. The silence and the hush were wonderful as though Nature was listening, and at the close rain fell lightly for a couple of minutes and a rainbow, a perfect arch shone out and added the last touch of beauty to that wondrous scene.

In him the manhood had been taken up into Divinity, and we beheld his glory, full of grace and truth. The Spirit had descended and abides on him. The World Teacher is here.

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THE NEW NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE



DR. JOHN INGELMAN

From The National Representative

Our Head has offered to me the great privilege of becoming National Representative for the U. S. A. I should have hesitated to accept the post knowing my own shortcomings but when Krishnaji asks everything is put aside except his wish. To serve him in any capacity is all that matters.

Moreover, I take courage for the task ahead of me in the thought that I shall have the support and encouragement of the four thousand members of the Star in America.

First among them my thoughts go to my predecessor in office, Mr. Fritz Kunz, who has been called to another wide field of usefulness for which he is particularly gifted as International Lecturer of our Order.

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From Headquarters Notes of this month you have in synthetic form what the former National Representative has achieved.

When Mr. Kunz took office in May, 1925, there were not quite 2,000 Star members. Now we have 4,340 members.

That fact alone is a proof of his great capacity to create interest and life in our Order and by the power of his spoken words to arouse enthusiasm and spread our great message to the world.

He is now free, to use his talents in a wider circle, and as we know of his indomitable energy and practical devotion we shall all follow his future labor with eager expectation.

I know I am expressing the feelings of all Star members towards him in saying, Thank you, Brother, for all your work well done for the Star and may the blessing of our Lord be yours in ever fuller measure.

The selfless sacrifice of our workers at Star Headquarters is an inspiration which in itself alone would make Star work at 2123 Beachwood Drive a joy.

It is devotion such as this that gives strength to the Star and justifies our faith in its Spiritual source.

To witness such patient, selfless labor, always demonstrates how a high ideal can become an ennobling power in life.

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We are very fortunate in that Mrs. Marie Hotchener has consented to become the Editor of the *Server*, myself being the Chief Editor. She is well-known to all of us and combines with real literary ability, editorial experience as the former editor of *The Channel*. Under Mrs. Hotchener's able management and with the assistance of an editorial advisory board—the names of the members of which I will give in the next *Server*—we hope gradually to transform our *Server* into the fine magazine which our Head wishes it to become, starting already to prepare for the big change due January 1, 1928, when it is hoped that it will become *The Herald* for America.

All the articles, news, notes and announcements and material to be published in the *Server* should be sent to the Chief Editor, 2123 Beachwood Drive, Hollywood, California, with the exception of articles and communications from Field Secretaries. This would greatly facilitate the editorial work.

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With regard to our Divisional Secretaries, we are happy to learn that they will continue in office. Deeply appreciative of their excellent work in the past, being a guaranty for their unselfish and energetic labors in the future, we always count on their full and cordial co-operation in our common great Cause.

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Brothers of the Star, in taking over the office of National Representative—an office necessary purely for the practical purposes of our organization—let me emphasize the fact that we are all one big family, all co-workers in the most magnificent adventure that we can conceive, and on each one of us rests the responsibility for the Order. Each one of us must give of his very best to the Star.

The three most important aspects of the work that lies ahead of us now seem to be Propaganda: The spreading of the Message to the world. This must be done by our members, by lectures, by propaganda.

Self-preparation work: We all need to be far more efficient and pure channels for our Lord.

Star Camp Preparation: Our Head hopes to be with us every year for three months. I would suggest that for the Camp of 1928, May would be the most appropriate month. As soon as practicable I will give you the names of the Star Camp Committee. We have an enormous preparation work ahead of us, to be ready even for a small Camp in May, 1928.

Kindly let us have your suggestions, addressed to the National Representative.

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The dominant note of our Star work has been that of a John the Baptist, now we have come to a point where the influence of the Order as a unifier should make itself felt. It should act as a medium of harmony through its sympathy and understanding of all different kinds of service.

We must learn to be the harmonizers of

the world and here is where our Self-Preparation Group work comes in.

Every Star member is an outpost of the Christ Consciousness and should become a conscious focus for His Power.

We are emerging from a period of the domination of the destructive forces and entering into a period of reconstruction and unity.

Those who wish to sound the key-note of the New Age should avoid all the influences that tend to separate, and through the emphasis of the good in a person or a movement draw out its essential value, and thereby unite it to all and everything in the world thus reflecting the essence of the Lord of Love and Compassion, Whose presence we are proclaiming to the world. Serving ever in His Name and to the utmost of our ability; holding that service as the greatest thing in life; our constant aspiration should be to be like unto Him.

At the present day the Christ power is pouring through the world through many organizations and through many channels of thought. As Star members it is our duty to recognize this Force and by working with it help to bring harmony into a suffering world.

"And a woman who held a babe against her breast said: "Speak to us of Children, Master."

And he said:

Your children are not your children.

They are the sons and daughters of Life, longing for itself.

They come through you, but not from you and though they are with you, yet they belong not to you.

You may give them your love but not your thoughts,

For they have their own thoughts.

You may house their bodies, but not their souls,

For their souls dwell in the house of tomorrow.

You may strive to be like them, but seek not to make them like you,

For life goes not backward, nor tarries with yesterday.

You are the bows from which your children as living arrows are sent forth.

The Archer sees the mark upon the path of the infinite and he bends you with His might that His arrows may go swift and far.

Let your bending in the Archer's hand be for gladness;

For even as He loves the arrow that flies, so he also loves the bow that is stable."

From *The Prophet*, by Kahlil Gibran

WANTED—1913 NUMBERS OF THE HERALD

Star Headquarters is desirous of securing the 1913 issues of *The Herald of the Star* for binding. It will be very much appreciated if members who have any of these numbers, which they are willing to donate to Headquarters, will kindly send same in as quickly as convenient.

MR. KUNZ SAYS AU REVOIR

Krishnaji has kindly relieved me of the heavy responsibilities which have been mine since May, 1925, and I am to take the lecture field as international lecturer for the Order—and at Dr. Besant's appointment,—for the Theosophical Society as well. I propose first to visit the northwest. This will occupy March and April, I expect. Plans after that are not yet settled.

I take this opportunity of thanking the many colleagues who helped to make the Star work go forward in recent months. Our membership has risen to over four thousand; we made the final payment on our National Headquarters February 5th; the Million Edition is marching forward; a friendly American Press was provided for Krishnaji prior to his arrival in this country last year; and in ways we need not detail (for this is no report) there has been a strengthening all along the line.

Who is responsible for this? I will tell you, for I know: It is the quiet, steady, solid, work of all. I admit that Star Headquarters has been wonderfully favored with competent workers. Dr. Stone, Mrs. Gillespie, Mrs. Butler, Miss Fouraker, Miss Macauley, Mr. and Mrs. Kiernan (of late)—these are the instruments which kept the business machine running smoothly. Then the Divisional Secretaries—Miss Wilson, Mrs. Gulick and Mrs. Povelsen—have steered straight ahead. In Chicago Miss Wilson's committee has floated the Million Edition, and helped admirably. I do not forget the special work of Mr. Harden, Captain Jones and many others. But the weight, at last, rested squarely on the shoulders of our staunch members out in the field. I, who know, say that this has been a work of co-operation delightfully smooth and inspiring. My only regret in leaving office (office, not the Star work) is that I shall not see so intimately the details of all that is done. Still, my successor (Dr. Ingelman) and I are old friends and he says he counts on me to help by personal visits to centers; and so perhaps I shall be able to keep in close touch and

watch our great work develop in this important country.

I am sure the next stages, under Dr. Ingelman's capable guidance, will be intensely interesting and fruitful. No better choice could have been made at this time, if I may say so; the time and the man have met. The National work is not of less but of greater importance now that the inspiring International developments of the Happy Valley Foundation at Ojai have come forward upon the stage. What rejoices me is that we have managed, by special effort, to organize the American Star work and get Headquarters cleared just in good time for the Ojai Foundation. We can say truthfully that a smooth-working machine has been created in the National office, and polished up just in time to serve the greater purpose.

For this, my dear colleagues, may I congratulate you and also thank you? I know we all work for the big cause and not for individuals; but the incidental kindnesses make one feel that perhaps a small flavor of special friendship for me has been an ingredient in the last twenty-one months of our co-operation. At least it has been to me a less arduous task because I have known so many of you personally. These friendships will be strengthened and enlarged now that there is prospect of an extended tour through the country—a prospect which makes this notice an *au revoir*!

FRITZ KUNZ

MR. KUNZ'S TOUR

Invitations to visit the northwestern states will be received for Mr. Kunz at Star Headquarters, 2123 Beachwood Drive, Hollywood, California, and information as to lecture ect., will be supplied thence also.

CREATIVE SELF-DENIAL

BY FENN GERMER

There are various motives for giving. There are those who give in order to receive, as often in the case of Christmas gifts. There are those who give to silence their conscience, as often in the gifts of charity. There are those who give out of fear lest they be censured, as often in the case of those invited to a birthday party or a wedding. These modes of giving are *not* giving, but the exchange of physical objects for emotional or mental satisfactions. They are plainly selfish.

The true gift, the beautiful gift, the real gift, is that which a lover offers to his beloved. Feeling utterly at one with the being he loves, he gives with no thought of his narrow self. He is not giving to a separate individual, but to a greater composite being which, by the love-magic which in himself he has evoked, has been revealed to him. If there is thought of sacrifice, it fades in the light of unity perceived and felt. Likewise the hope of reward, of gifts or favors in exchange, vanishes in the glamor of his meditation on the beloved soul.

There is only one kind of gift that can be acceptable to the World-Teacher (who is less a Being, than Love incarnate), because there is only one gift that liberates those whom He loves. And that is the gift of the lover to his supreme Beloved, the Lord of Love, given because he has seen the vision *and the reality* of all human beings, of all life, merged in that supernal Entity, close-knit in Oneness. Strangely, that is the gift least hard to give; yet it is so, for thoughts of reward, of fear, of self, are not there to drag it down by their weight, their entanglements and delusions.

In the case of Self-Denial Month, this type of gift is made easy to give. There is a definite period; there are others striving with us; there is encouragement from all sides to give up our little thoughts of self and help in that way, as well as financially, to make the world ever so much better a place to live in. Greatest of all encouragements, a privilege rare in history, is the very presence of the Lord

Maitreya Himself among us; and the invitation to perform acts of Self-Denial is His appeal to seek Him in our hearts by practicing the rudimentary qualities needed for a noble life. Let us not delude ourselves into thinking it is money He wants! It is our lives, even the tiniest moments of them, and the simplest acts.

That is why we must give as the lover gives to his beloved. We must see clearly that we are part of Him, and He of us; and our gifts of self-control become earrests of our wakening sight.

But cannot one give oneself thus, without making also gifts of money? To him who is utterly indifferent to money, this might be possible; yet even such a one, if truly spiritual, would not cast his wealth into the sea. Rather would he devote it to the welfare of others about him in a wise manner.

Much has been given to public libraries, to establish centers of knowledge; and their influence has been mighty. Much has been given to churches and temples, to establish centers for spiritual enlightenment; and their effect has been incalculable. Yet at this time we may give to establish the physical shrines of the great Centers of Adyar, Ommen, Ojai, even now overshadowed by the Great Teacher: Centers which age after age will shed their spiritual radiance upon the life of the world, and inspire—if we make it possible—by the beauty and loveliness of their ashramas and surroundings.

Out of our little cravings, our smallest desires for the pleasures of taste, of sight, of intellect, through the offices of the Divinest Alchemist, we can create a beautiful garden-spot which may spread to less lovely surroundings; we can build a majestic Center whose influence shall not pass away; above all, we can fashion an abode in our hearts of image of the true Beloved. How can we *not* give seeing this?

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HERE, THERE AND EVERYWHERE

As our department this month will contain a little of everything about animals, we have decided to start it off with a roll of honor, and this will be a regular feature hereafter. So many stories of animal heroism are brought to our attention daily, that it seems fitting that three a month at least, should have recognition.

Our first hero was a collie named "Prince," owned by Mrs. Dominic Hawath, of Joliet, Indiana. It was the barking of Prince which awakened the family to the realization that their house was in flames. After calling the fire department, Mrs. Hawath guided her children and others to safety, but Prince, being the prince that he was, went back to make sure that no one had been forgotten, and was entrapped by the flames. Vainly the firemen tried to reach him, but the walls caved in, and the heroic animal went back to his God.

Our next hero is a dog also, an Airedale belonging to George Morea of New York City. While taking a walk with his master, this dog saw what threatened to be a tragedy. A motor coming at top speed was bearing down upon a tiny kitten who, in ignorance of its danger was sitting in the middle of the street. Without thought of self, the Airedale rushed into the traffic, took the tiny bunch of fur in his mouth, and ran back to the pavement, and it was not until he deposited the kitten on the sidewalk that passersby realized what had occurred.

Extraordinary as this type of heroism is, a case, almost identical in character, was reported from a town in Iowa, where another dog rushed into a burning building in an attempt to save his little pal—a kitten, from the flames. In this instance, unfortunately, both animals perished, but we can speculate upon the Karmic link formed even then between these two younger brothers.

It is acts like these, which compel one to believe that even at their present stage of evolution, the Christ consciousness, not fully awakened perhaps, is none the less struggling to express itself in these noble and courageous little ones. Occultists who are still debating the question of the Rays, and the animals through which they come into the human, agree upon the dog, whose qualities of devotion, loyalty and self-sacrifice, make certain beyond controversy that he is sixth Ray pure and simple, and as such, demands the sympathetic understanding of

humans who are too much inclined to take his heroic self-sacrifice for granted, forgetting the fact that we must give in to proportion to what we received.

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The French Academy, which was attended by thirteen of the Forty Immortals, have decided that animals have souls. Marshals Foch and Joffre, both members of the Academy, took part in the discussion, and though divided in other respects, agreed upon this point. Henri Robert, a noted criminal lawyer and an Immortal, is quoted as saying, "I have met many a soulless man, but never yet have I appeared on behalf of a soulless animal. We congratulate the Immortals on their acumen and common sense."

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From Wansted, England, comes the news that a unique memorial is in process of construction, the only memorial of its kind—to man's dumb friends sacrificed in the war. An estate acquired by the People's Dispensary for sick animals of the poor, is being developed into a large sanatorium for the treatment of horses, mules, dogs, cats, monkeys, goats, pigeons and canaries, representing the principal animal and bird life which met death in service. No domestic animal or bird however, will be refused treatment. Weary old London traffic horses will spend their last years in meadows surrounding the hospital buildings, and there will be plenty of runs for cats and dogs picked up from the city gutters.

This news will gladden the hearts of humane workers throughout the world. Great Britain leads the world in the care of animals, and we may well sit at her feet in this respect.

CHILD WELFARE

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There has never been a time, at least not within the period covered by our histories, when the rearing of children has been so difficult, as now. Our lives are no longer simple, in fact they are becoming more complex all the time. Our modern inventions have taken most of the work out of the home, the work that used to keep many hands employed; moving pictures, the automobile and jazz music have taken most of the amusements out of the home. Conditions have changed, there is no going back, "for life goes not back nor tarries with yesterday."

Old forms, old methods have passed and new ones have taken their places. Just so the old ideas and old thoughts must give way to new attitudes of mind, if we are to understand our children, who seem so strange, so un-understandable to us. Someway we must adjust our own lives to these changes, but what is much more important, we must prepare ourselves to help our children meet this age of speed and excitement and come out with their ideals still usable. This end can only be attained by *sympathetic understanding*. This keynote applies alike to parents, teachers, social workers and all who try to help mould the lives of the younger generation.

I know of no organization better prepared to help us in this understanding than the *Child Study Association*, which has its headquarters at 54 West 74th Street, New York City. In a lecture about the work of the Association, last year, Mrs. Cecile Pilpel said: "We have stated our aims repeatedly. We declare that we have organized 'for the purpose of helping parents make their parenthood more intelligent, more efficient and of the highest use to their children.' For thirty years we have busied ourselves with the study of the most helpful literature, we have tried to evaluate the principles that must be grasped by parents who would approximate such an ideal. With this slowly built background of study and experience, we endeavour to help parents understand what they ought to know about the physical facts of the child's life, his emotions, his creative aspirations, his education as affected by the school and last but not least, the moral and religious aspects of his growth and training."

They carry on this stupendous work through many channels. A magazine, *Child Study*, is published once a month from October to May. Articles by nationally known educators, social workers, psychologists, neurologists, dieticians, physicians and others are published. Special problems are discussed through a series of issues. Study groups are organized at headquarters and throughout the country, wherever they have trained leaders. Leaders are trained at conferences and special classes. Parental conferences are held in various cities from time to time. Such a conference was held in Baltimore in December, where more than a thousand persons attended the sessions. Private questions are answered, either by conference or by mail.

I should like to urge all who can to get in touch with this organization. If you can, join a local group that would be the most satisfactory, as you could then give to them, as well as receive. Give of our knowledge gained through the Star, give of our ideas born of the ideals held by the Star.

One Star worker writes in from Everett, Washington, that she sets aside one afternoon each week and goes to their hospital to read to the children and entertain them by telling them stories. If there are no children well enough to be entertained, then she reads to some of the other patients; reading to adults she always reads something from "*At the Feet of the Master*." If some of our other workers

could find time to take our Theosophical fairy books and other story books for children and read to children in hospitals it would be a great service.

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PRISONERS WELFARE

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Have the workers in the Prison Welfare work ever asked themselves these questions? What is the purpose of the prison? How is it accomplishing that purpose? What kind of men are being appointed as Wardens? What appears to be their ideas of the purpose of the prison? Is the prison population of the country increasing or decreasing and what are the factors in the change? What methods of discipline are in most common use? To what extent are old, discredited forms of punishment still used?

If in your Star Group you have Servers' Night, (when each department presents its work in program form), such questions as above and many others could be answered in such a meeting. If any of the workers would like suggestions for their Group or for a public meeting on Prison work, I will be very glad to help arrange a program.

The federal prisons are of two kinds: civil and military, the latter including both army and navy prisons. The three civil prisons are located at Atlanta, Ga., Leavenworth, Kan., and McNeil Island, Wash. The army prisons are situated at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., Governors Island, N. Y., and Alcatraz, Calif. The Naval prisons are at Portsmouth, N. H., Paris Island, S. C., and Mare Island, California.

It is the military prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, that I wish to tell you about in this article. It was established in 1875 and was later turned over to the Department of Justice for a Federal Prison. In 1904 the new Federal Prison nearby was occupied, and the old plant was transferred back to the War Department for use as a military prison. Entrance to the prison is through the original buildings erected in 1863. These buildings, one used for cell house and offices, are now occupied entirely by administrative offices. A modern prison building of the radial type with eight wings has been built in an enlarged enclosure. Some of the old buildings now serve as shops. In addition to the 11½ acres within the walled enclosure, there are 750 acres of farm land nearby. There are in six cell houses of the radial building almost 1,500 cells. Each cell is 9x4½ and 7 feet high, and has a good lavatory and toilet. They are well lighted and ventilated and a high standard of cleanliness is maintained. On the 750 acres of farm land are a poultry farm, piggery,

greenhouse, and dairy barns—a diversified and well developed prison farm.

The control of the prison is under an Adjutant General of the United States Army. The Commandant (whose position corresponds to that of warden in civil prisons) is Colonel George O. Cress, a graduate of West Point with 40 years service in the army, who took command in March, 1923. He is assisted in the administrative work of the prison by the Adjutant, Major R. B. Harrison. A detachment of 284 enlisted men is detailed to the prison; these men are quartered in new barracks just outside the prison proper and perform all guard and clerical duties in connection with the prison.

On July 23, 1925, the barracks had 1,024 inmates. The latest report shows that they represented all the states and the District of Columbia as well as 15 foreign countries. The ages of the inmates are as follows: Under 20 years of age, 353; 21 to 30 years of age, 625; 31 to 40 years of age, 59.

Insane prisoners are sent to St. Elizabeth's Hospital at Washington, D. C. Prisoners enter in first class and may be reduced to second, or third for discipline. The silence rule is enforced in marching formation and in the mess hall. In the various places of work talking is permitted and ordinary working conditions are maintained. Smoking is permitted only in the cell blocks and the yard. Prisoners in first class may write as many letters as they wish; second class men may write one a week, and third class men none without special permission.

Prisoners assigned to the disciplinary battalion, who are to be restored to service, are treated much like enlisted men undergoing special training. They wear army uniforms without insignia designating rank. The usual punishments are reduction in class, loss of privileges, and solitary confinement in the punishment cells. These are ordinary cells in a special isolation section in the basement, except that there is inside the door a small barred enclosure in which the prisoner may be placed eight hours a day, so that he must stand erect. The diet is bread and water. Loss of "good time" is used as punishment.

There is a well equipped hospital with operating room, and a medical staff consisting of head surgeon (major), three army doctors, four nurses and an enlisted personnel numbering over twenty. The head surgeon is a psychiatrist and this work has been more fully developed here than in any other American Prison. It is closely coordinated with the work of other departments, especially those dealing with restoration to service, work assignment, discipline, parole and discharge. The Binet-Simon tests are given all prisoners.

The men all face one way at tables in the mess hall; the table dishes are of aluminum. The prisoners receive the same food as regular enlisted men; excellent and extensive farms make this possible without undue expense. There are 48 showers

in the bath house and the high standard of personal cleanliness prevalent in the army is maintained.

The sports consist of baseball, handball, basketball, football and boxing. Recreation hours in summer are from 5:30 to 7:30 on two evenings a week, and from 12:30 to 4:00 on Sundays and holidays. In the winter the auditorium is used for the gymnasium and basketball.

Moving pictures are shown twice a week and the prisoners themselves stage shows on holidays.

The workshops are for prison maintenance rather than for manufacture of goods for sale as in most prisons. The equipment and working conditions in the machine, woodworking, tailor and shoe repair shops are good; the shops are well lighted and ventilated. A brick plant and a section for salvage or reclaiming clothing and shoes. There is no pay for prisoners. There is a good library of 14,000 books, and a generous supply of magazines is obtained from the post. Prisoners are allowed to go to the library to select books. Compulsory classes in school work are held in the first three grades daily from 7:00 to 8:30 A. M. (These classes are for those who have not completed the work in these grades.) Evening school is held four times a week on a voluntary basis; work covers the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades and such special subjects as stenography, telegraphy, and auto-mechanics. There is also a system of supervised self-study in the cells, covering seventh and eighth grade and high school work. The men in the disciplinary battalion undergo intensive military training. Also a number of correspondence courses are supplied by the authorities or purchased by the prisoners.

The chapel is located over the mess hall. It is used for entertainments as well as for religious services. There is a full-time Protestant army chaplain at the barracks; Alexander D. Sutherland is the present chaplain; he is a member of the Theosophical Society and sees that Theosophical books and *At the Feet of the Master* are kept in the library. Services are held every Sunday morning from 9:00 to 10:00 and attendance is compulsory. Catholics are sent to the Catholic chapel at the post. Christian Science, Jewish and general services are held weekly. On Sunday afternoons the chaplain conducts a school of religious education and on Sunday evenings a Bible school.

The discipline is stricter than in most state prisons, but under the present officers it is guided by sympathy for the understanding of the prisoner, and a desire to prepare him for his return to the army or to society. It should be remembered that the men confined here are accustomed to military discipline, and that also unlike many prisons under rigid discipline, the barracks employs most of the recognized agencies which tend to reform men. The comments on this federal prison from education to health, from industries to discipline are splendid.

EDITH LEE RUGGLES

BEAUTY AND THE INNER LIFE

ON BEAUTY

In what practical way are we training ourselves to develop a consciousness of beauty? Do we for instance, turn our thoughts from the artificial strain of city life and penetrate deeply into the fresh life and poetry of the woods or open our hearts to the hills, absorbing from Nature's hidden mysteries the peace that deepens the soul to a greater purity? Do we pause at times to gaze with a grateful appreciation at the setting sun, endeavoring to enjoy to the full the glorious symphony of gold? When we listen to the finest concerts do we strive to recognize the rare ecstasy that dwells in true music? In the words of C. Jinarajadasa "Music makes us feel our immortality. It tells us of the archetypal world directly."

Are we bringing beauty into our everyday life by our dress, in that we wear clear and cheerful colors, so that in a tired and weary crowd we pass as a center of radiant light? Have we, too, brought harmony and a sense of peace into our homes, so that they become places of joy? To work in a sunny and cheerful kitchen oftentimes brings more content to a servant than gifts or shorter hours. If we allow our homes to become the usual dreary, tasteless boxes by allowing enterprising department stores to sell us varnished furniture and gilt framed pictures on the installment plan, we cannot complain of the lack of artistic appreciation in our land. Art can neither be standardized nor manufactured by machinery.

And are we passionately seeking a true culture by surrounding ourselves with the finest books on philosophy, science, history, poetry, or are we merely content to entertain our minds with sentimental and superficial novels, motion picture magazines and copies of joke journals? The things with which we surround ourselves in our homes reflect our state of mind.

We cannot afford lightly to dismiss beauty from daily life, for beauty has a direct and powerful effect on evolution. If cities were truly beautiful, surrounded with lovely parks, trees, playgrounds and well proportioned houses there would be less crime. The ugliness of slums and overcrowded streets of our large cities repress or deaden the moral forces of life.

Judge Mahoney of Chicago reminds us that light, cheerful colors in buildings tend towards godliness, while dark colors promote crime. Most criminals are bred in the squalor and greyness of the slums. A child reared in comfortable and harmonious surroundings rarely becomes a nervous man.

Most crimes are committed at night, in darkness. It is known that white buildings, because they

reflect light, have a strong psychological effect for good.

The study of color is most fascinating but as yet has been little understood. Dr. Edwin Babbitt in *The Philosophy of Light and Color* has written interestingly on this subject. We react strongly to color. The grey skies of Scotland probably have been a strong factor in furthering a rigid Presbyterianism, while the warm tints and azure blue of the Italian sky has encouraged the gaiety and song of the Latin nature.

Colors, like music, are divided into seven distinct tones. A bad mixture of colors resembles a discordant chord in music. It is therefore important to give thought to color and to avoid as much as possible depressing and muddy values.

For instance, we know that red is generally an exciting color. We Americans say that a man in anger "sees red," while another who is pleased is "tickled pink." Blue is cooling, green is sympathetic and soothing, yellow is stimulating, while dark browns and greys and black are depressing. The right application of color has had a curative effect on the sick and has been beneficial in calming the insane. Patients suffering with morbidity have been cured after a few hours in a red room; others with inflamed nerves have been soothed after a few hours in a blue room.

It is therefore important that we should not live in rooms where muddy or dingy colors prevail nor allow our people to work in kitchens devoid of brightness and color. If each one of us would make it a point to bring beauty, light and joyousness into our immediate surroundings, into our homes, our school-rooms, our factories our offices, the world would be quickly changed. It is unfortunate that so many lodge rooms are uninspiring in color and decorations, because these conditions reflect themselves in the meetings held there. Such meetings, and rooms rarely attract young sensitive people. Rarely does a visitor exclaim over the beauty of our Lodge rooms! He is more apt to react in silence to the grimy curtains, the aged photographs in unlovely frames, the miscellaneous assortment of uncomfortable chairs, and the sad array of tattered books in the lending library. How much better it would be if he found there a gay bit of cretonne, a reproduction of a truly fine picture, and a few bright flowers! The chairs might be painted to one color and the books freshly bound.

Lodge rooms ought to be the most beautiful and peaceful havens of rest in a city, for they should be the physical sanctuary through which the life of the Masters may flow. Upon entering such a room we ought to find it so free from the stress of the outer world that a song of joyousness should rise like the forest murmur in our hearts!

Each one of us can train ourselves to appreciate beauty and art more deeply. The more we do so the more we hasten our evolution, as through our response to art, we develop the quality of Buddha

in ourselves. The person who has a beautiful nature is apt to have a beautiful home.

The artist is he who makes all things new by revealing the divine within. As art grows evil falls away. Saints and seers are artists of the spirit. Swami Vivekananda has declared that no man could truly be religious who has not the faculty for feeling the beauty of art.

Beauty is the signet of the cosmic Being on the wax of the material universe. Beauty, goodness and truth in a sense are interchangeable terms.

Beauty never lowers. It always uplifts, raising our thoughts and feelings above the things of earth. It is the mirror in which God is reflected.

According to our state of evolution will be our capacity to respond to beauty.

Besides beauty of mind, we should cultivate beauty of body. A beautiful, harmonious physical body is a more perfect mirror of the divine reflection. We should strive towards acquiring a perfect body so that the spirit may express itself more adequately. It is our duty to see that our body is kept in health, clean, wholesome, sensitized so that it may be a perfect channel.

Each one of us has also the power to weave beauty into our personalities. We can show it by gentleness and sympathy in our behavior, we can reveal it by a smile radiant with a light within that gives a glimpse of the soul; we can express it in our voice, by richness of tone and dignity of speech; we can display it in our dress by wearing things of soft colors and in good taste, and in our gestures we may convey something of the repose that is always part of beauty.

The hunger of the soul for beauty cannot be evaded. The desires of the body are as nothing compared to the desire of the soul to find and serve God. There is that within each one of us which would respond to beauty if only we could awaken it. He who is careless of the beauty of life is careless of the joy of life.

BEATRICE WOOD.

HEALTH

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Several inquiries prompt me to write a few words about *tonsils*. The fad of removing tonsils is at its highest. Many scientists of a purely surgical trend of mind claim that the tonsil is of no value to the body, and that it seems to provide only a place for an infection. Because of this view some surgeons doom tonsils to the *snare* whether they are badly diseased or only slightly abnormal. No appreciable effort is made to restore them to normal or to purify the bloodstream which has permitted infection to occur. Out of the folly of the old, new ideas are born giving more light on the old problems. To a few of these ideas I wish you to turn your attention.

Every organ has its definite function. Students differ a bit as to the nature of the function of the tonsils but various conclusions reached will be of interest to all. Because the tonsil is composed largely of lymphoid tissue, it is claimed that the function of the tonsil is protective in nature. The lymph glands are the toxic destroyers and filters in the body. So is it not possible that the tonsils are the body's first fortification against toxic and infectious invasion through the mouth, so that when tonsils are removed, the protective resources of the body are weakened. To remove the tonsils will not clear up an infected sinus, but to treat and heal an infected sinus will nearly always relieve the enlarged tonsils.

It will be noted that tonsils give most trouble during childhood and youth. Is it then possible that they are more susceptible during that time because of a special function which they are then called upon to perform. So it is thought that all lymphatic tissue, of which the tonsils are also composed, is in some way assisting the calcium (lime) distribution in the body. This theory seems to be verified by the fact that whenever there is a marked disturbance of lime metabolism as in tuberculosis or rickets, there are also marked lymphatic complications. During childhood and youth, when lime is so much needed by the body to build bony structures, the lymph tissue is especially taxed in its function, thus predisposing it to infections and enlargements because of the lowered resistance produced by the additional function.

Dr. Brady, Editor of *The Ways of Health*, in the *Chicago Daily News*, tells of an interesting experiment conducted by Dr. Albert D. Kaiser, child specialist in Rochester, New York. Dr. Kaiser examined 2,400 cases sent to him for tonsil removal, of these he operated on one-half, setting aside the other half for observation. At the end of three years the 2,400 were again examined and it was found that those who retained their tonsils were found to be on the average better than those who had had their tonsils removed; he therefore decided that the great majority of tonsil operations were useless.

Impure blood, poorly selected foods, poor elimination of waste materials should be thoroughly corrected and then there will be less need for the removal of valuable tissue. Extreme cases may require surgical removal, but the majority of cases need only attention which build for purer blood and a greater bodily resistance.

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THE ANTI-EVOLUTION BILL IN THE MINNESOTA LEGISLATURE

John Grier Hibben, who succeeded Woodrow Wilson as president of Princeton University in 1912, is lecturing in Minneapolis. In an interview with a reporter on *The Minneapolis Evening Tribune* he spoke as follows, Jan. 18th: "Certainly I am opposed to the anti-evolution bill. Its passage would be a decided backward step. Our forefathers provided in the Constitution that matters of church and state should be kept separate, and there has been no occasion for changing that rule. We can not change facts in nature by legislation anyway. You may pass laws against them, but they will still be true. * * * * * Such proposals are eminently dangerous. If a movement like that should gain momentum, it might gain the support of enough states to make it a constitutional amendment, which would work a great detriment to the entire system of education. * * * * * Evolution is simply a *recognition* of nature's process of development. *The evidence is all around us.* Take for example, *our great canyons*, which have taken thousands of years to form. But the anti-evolutionists refuse to recognize these evidences."

Dr. Hibben, who is a minister trained in theology, believes that there is no conflict between religion and the theory of evolution.

WHY CHRISTIANITY FAILS TO WIN ISLAM

Two definite causes why Islam repulses Christianity have been suggested by Dr. R. C. Hutchinson, director of religious education at the American College at Tcheran. *The Literary Digest* of Dec. 11th 1926 quotes the following words as the reasons assigned for the failure of Christianity among the Moslems: "No effort, expenditure, nor life itself have been spared to establish the Christian Church in Islamic lands. Yet Christianity has made a *miserable failure* in winning over the Mohammedans.

Dr. Hutchinson says: "First, the distinctive element of Christianity (as taught by the Christ) is love, and right here Christianity has failed. Every argument, and inducement have been brought out, but without the fullness of love, the case has been incomplete and no victory has been won. * * * * * Christianity still withholds the supremely convincing proof of an unprecedented love for humanity which shall be the greatest force in the world, and which shall identify believers as the disciples of the one God. * * * * *

Second: "In the Moslem mind," says Dr. Hutchinson, "the Crusades stand out more clearly than

anything else. * * * * * If in the mind of Musselmen the Crusades could be separated and distinguished from Christianity much would be gained. The memory of the Crusades and other ruthlessness on the part of Christianity as recorded on the pages of history is not forgotten. Christians have been no better than Moslems. In their cruel struggles in war, each side has attempted to accomplish its purposes by murder, pillage and war, and they have seen none of the tender love of the Christ, Himself."

PREACHING BY THE CHILDREN THEMSELVES

The Milwaukee Journal of February 25th, 1926 reports preaching to children by children in Dayton, Ohio. A church exclusively for children has been completed and is known as St. Paul's Childrens' Church. It was built at a cost of \$50,000, and a committee of children is charged with its operation. The project is under the supervision of Rev. Phil Porter, Episcopal rector, who acts as an ex-officio pastor. Every Sunday morning before the hour for morning worship in the other churches, some 250 children gather for services of their own. The services by and for the children are conducted with all the Episcopal ritual.

The origin of the church is ascribed to the prayers of 24 boys and girls who knelt down in the Sunday School and prayed that they might have a church of their own. The parents became interested, church members lent a hand and a fund was raised, the two dozen youngsters as the first contributors. The church building in its miniature fashion is as complete as is any adult church in the city of Dayton, Ohio.

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THE CANYON OF THE STARS

By Mae Van Norman Long

A novel with a mystical theme. Particularly interesting to Star members. The *New York Tribune* said of Mrs. Long's first novel *The Wonder Woman*, "Those who enjoyed *Freckles*, by Gene Stratton Porter, will find in this book much to enjoy."

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BROTHERHOOD OF RACES

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OUR NEGRO ACTIVITIES

As reported in *The Christian Science Monitor* of June 28, 1926, a movement has been launched to combat the last vestiges of Negro slavery by raising a \$1,000,000 fund. Says James Weldon Johnson, secretary of The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People: "Such a fund will be a demonstration of the mass power which the Negro intends to use, and will serve notice upon the country of the Negro's determination to obtain and maintain every fundamental right which should be his in common with other Americans." The majority of white people both North and South are responsive to the recommendations of The National Society for the Advancement of Colored People.

CAN NEGRO CITIZENS RIDE IN PULLMANS?

The Christian Century of January 20th, 1927, states that some of the states apply their Jim Crow laws strictly, and of course that rules Negroes out of Pullman cars, where whites ride. A sort of remedy is for the railroads to provide Pullmans for Negroes. But in interstate traffic the state laws may be contested. Recently a colored woman, Blanch S. Brookings, purchased a through ticket from New York to Florida, and with it paid for a Pullman. At Palatka, Florida, she was forcibly ejected from her berth in the sleeper. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has joined her in entering a suit against both the Pullman Company, and the Atlantic Coast Line. * * * * "It is a question in the fundamental right of an American citizen to equality before the law with every other citizen, without consideration of color, status, or previous condition of servitude; and on that issue the constitution seems plain and clear."

A THEOSOPHICAL MAGAZINE FOR THE BLIND

The Theosophical Book Association for the Blind started the New Year with a new service to the blind.

Realizing the great need for such a periodical this Association has at last launched a free monthly magazine printed in Braille. This new service is sure to be a boon to the many sightless ones who are interested in Theosophy and the Order of the Star in the East.

In this way the blind may now be able to read for themselves all the latest Theosophical and Star news and reports, and also read lectures by the leaders in all branches of our many activities. It is earnestly requested that anyone interested in

helping the blind in this way communicate with the Theosophical Book Association for the Blind, 1544 Hudson Avenue, Hollywood, California.

YOUTH NOT GOING TO THE DEVIL

In the *Literary Digest* of Dec. 25th, is reported the opinion of Mather A. Abbott, headmaster of Lawrenceville School. Mr. Abbott has been teaching boys for thirty years; he now has 540 in his charge, collected from every state in the union; and he says; "I have never known a more truthful, clean-living, honorable set of young men. They are as different from the boys of my youth as the sun is from the moon—full on nonsense, full of passion, headstrong, mischief-loving, but five times as decent, as truthful, and as manly."

Mr. Abbott describes the young men of our day as follows: "In the first place, their leading characteristic is that they must prove everything by trying it. They do not begin where we left off, as we want them to do; they must go through every experience themselves. They take nothing for granted. They want facts, not camouflage. They can see the false through a ten-inch board. Secondly, there is an absence of religious training in their youth. Unfortunately, the mothers are too busy to give to them the fireside and bedside talks that they used to give to little fellows; and the fathers are too busy in business even to tell them the truth about the sex problem. Now you cannot prove the other world and you cannot prove God, and the modern generation will not accept anything that you cannot prove. Unwilling to face the deep questions of life, they try to seek happiness in the material. They want to realize everything, and of course, you and I know, in our maturity, that very few things in this world can be realized. To sum up, therefore, what do I find? First, a truth-lover. Second, a word of honor that is never broken. Third, a reasonable being that will not take a rule as final until it is approved. Fourth, and most astonishing, on the whole, a clean-minded individual. And then what will always happen where God is not regarded as supreme, what has happened throughout history where a nation has given up God—restlessness that is unaccountable, a dissatisfaction of mind which makes the youth probe into things we never thought of going into, which we took on faith. Also there are many failures, many disasters, as there always are in a great upheaval where freedom gets confounded with license. No, gentlemen, the youth of the present generation, as far as I know, and I know 500 of them very intimately, are on the way to great discoveries. They have made a step toward happiness, and a step toward self-government far ahead of anything we had in our youth. They need very careful handling. They need all the love and affection that a man can give them, and they are going to bring this old world of our one step nearer heaven in the end."

WOMEN'S PROBLEMS

What is it all about? Why do the changing times appear to us as a great contagion with customs and habits thrown to the winds, and wild abandon everywhere?

Even if morals and chastity have been thrown to the winds, yet there comes in their places a deluge of belated soul expressions that have their ethical value and are mighty near the border line of compensation for losses we may have sustained.

Speaking first of the lesser of our assets, we have the external expressions of beauty. Of course, we have not changed the mountains or the ocean but we have beautified the mountains and the ocean shores. The imaginative and creative mind is given full vent in the field of architecture, and, best of all, the new, novel and yet beautiful homes are not creations of professionals. To be sure, there must be the guiding hand of the practical smith to fashion the iron and the carpenter must hang the storm doors correctly, but the artistic homes of the present, and especially their interiors, are the production's of woman's imaginative brain. There is no display of vanity when she remarks casually, "We planned this home." Why of course we did; cannot you see how roomy and practical are the closets, how spacious the halls and how large and well placed the windows, through which the sun comes streaming, how many are the conveniences for the children, and the maid's room no longer small, ill-lighted and barren. What does all this spell? Longer lives, healthier minds and bodies, because a woman planned the house.

Her rebellion against hoops, corsets, long hair and a superfluity of clothing is in line with her uncompromising demand for freedom. This freedom, however, must have within it a discipline, self-imposed.

Beulah Amidon, commenting on post-war conditions expresses herself as follows:

"Pain and defeat became acutely preferable to smooth and uneventful attainment however secure. One must live—at absolutely any price.

"That implies among other things, economic independence, lots of congenial work, physical health, a reasonably satisfactory sex life, diverse human contacts.

"It imposes the most rigid kind of discipline—not easy compliance with rules set up by somebody else, but strict self discipline.

"I do not think there is any other way to be free and eager, resilient and unafraid. It seems to me enormously rewarding in however slight a degree one achieves it."

Some of the members of the Star groups have opportunities that only travel will give. Tell us of women and their problems in other countries.

The writers of this article have had the good fortune to meet some of the women of the Near East. They have scarcely begun their rebellion. Of course, it is not quite fair to declare that the secluded women of Cairo are 2,000 years behind the

times, or 100 years behind the times. Surely in their hearts there is love and sympathy, and to that extent they are at least abreast of the times.

France is not the only country that has had her Jeanne d'Arc. Senora Elvia Carrillo Puerto, Mexico's woman chief, is a paradox. She is generally mild and yet she understands how to blow up railroads with dynamite. She knows what it is to have four brothers murdered in a revolution and barely escape the same fate herself. Senora Puerto is not only the head of the Feminist Movement but has been active in efforts to improve working conditions of both men and women. She says:

"I desire that Mexican women attain social, economic and political independence. They are confined to their homes by the fetters of social custom and tradition—fetters intangible, but nevertheless, potent.

"We want women to take a larger part in all activities of society—using that word in its most comprehensive sense."

This is only one of many cases of Woman's Work in the field of progress. During the Convention of the International Suffrage Association, held in Paris last year, there were present delegates from forty nations. Among them were a Woman Senator from Czecho Slovakia, a member of the German Reichstag, a young Japanese delegate, several women from Iceland, as well as women from Australia, New Zealand and India. Six thousand visitors packed the great auditorium, eager to learn lessons from the East and hear discussed with eagerness and candor the advance of women in politics.

Coming quickly to our own country, let us say plainly and frankly that the young girl of the present time, in the city or the country alike, needs earnest, watchful care, with sympathy most of all.

Meanwhile, please write us of your work locally. Have the members of the Star something to give them which others may not have?

We now have on our list thirty-three women who have volunteered their services for work in this department. May we not add one hundred to this list during the coming year? Excellent suggestions have come to us from our widely scattered members, all of which we propose to pass on to interested workers during the year.

telling of your contacts through Women's Clubs or other local institutions. And most of all, correspond with us and tell us of your New Year's resolutions,

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